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## ***FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

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Remember to join us from 1 – 3 PM today for our  
Catch the Autumn Ghost Service at the Pumpkin Patch!

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

October 31, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long-time member, we're glad you are here. (*\*Stand, if able.*)

## **GATHER IN ANTICIPATION & PRAISE OF GOD**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)**

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**P: Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!**

L: For God has done wonderful things for us.

**P: God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.**

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**P: Let us sing songs of great joy to God. Amen.**

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen.

#### **\*HYMN**

“Be Still, My Soul”

UMH # 534

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Sela Finau

The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Tiffany Charles

#### **\*HYMN**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

TFWS # 2088

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

Holy God, architect of the universe, you have wonderfully made every delicate intricacy of this world! Then you placed human beings in the center of it, as we stumble our way through living our lives in union with your will and in harmony with creation. As we offer our tithes and gifts this morning, we thank you for sending your Jesus to show us the way in simple language: loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. May our gifts be dedicated toward making both a reality. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**\*GLORY PATRI**

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Liturgist

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls. Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day. Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Ruth 1:1-18

Liturgist

### **SERMON**

"Committed"

Rev. Sela Finau

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH # 133

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)

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2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
3. Give online at [www.fumctaylor.org/give](http://www.fumctaylor.org/give).

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministry & Mother's Day Out

Brian Gray, Liturgist

## **HOW TO JOIN FUMC TAYLOR**

Are you being led to become a part of this fellowship of believers? Do you desire to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ? We invite you to join as a full member of the FUMC family! While the closing hymn is sung, you may come forward and make a commitment to follow Jesus through his local body of FUMC Taylor in prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please also send us a message to [office@fumctaylor.org](mailto:office@fumctaylor.org).

For Pastoral emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact  
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